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Weekly Schedule

Sunday

Sunday School, 9:30 AM
Morning Worship, 10:45 AM
Children's Church
Prayer Time, 5:00 PM
Evening Worship, 6:00 PM

Tuesday

Prime Time Choir, 10:30 AM
Prime Time Luncheon, Noon

Wednesday

Prayer Meeting, 6:00 PM
Youth IMPACT, 6:00 PM
Sanctuary Singers, 7:00 PM

**Emmanuel
Baptist Church
Lottie Moon Goal:
\$10,000
Ingathering will
be Sunday,
December 18th.**



FORERUNNER

December 1, 2022

THE LETTER THAT STARTED IT ALL

The following letter, written by Lottie Moon on Sept. 15, 1887, was printed in the Foreign Mission Journal in December of that year. It is credited with providing the impetus for the creation of a Southern Baptist offering to support international missions, which later became the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. Below are excerpts from her 1887 letter.

In a former letter I called attention to the work of Southern Methodists women, to stir up the women of our Southern Baptist churches in the cause of missions. They have, in one year, contributed to missions nearly sixty-five thousand dollars! Doesn't this put us Baptist to shame? For one, I confess I am heartily ashamed.

How do these Methodist women raise so much money? By prayer and self-denial. They have made the following resolutions: Resolved, The Woman's Missionary Society will observe the week preceding Christmas as a week of prayer and self-denial. In preparation for this, they agree to pray every evening for six months, dating from June 25, 1887, for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Woman's Missionary Society and its work at home and in the foreign fields.

Need it be said, why the week before Christmas is chosen? Is not the festive season when families and friends exchange gifts in memory of The Gift laid on the altar of the world for the redemption of the human race, the most appropriate time to consecrate a portion from abounding riches and scant poverty to send forth the good tidings of great joy into all the earth?

I wonder how many of us really believe that 'it is more blessed to give than to receive'? A woman who accepts that statement of our Lord Jesus Christ as a fact, and not as impractical idealism, will make giving a principle of her life. She will lay aside sacredly, not less than one-tenth of her income or her earnings as the Lord's money, which she would no more dare to touch for personal use than she would steal.

How many there are among our women, alas! alas! who imagine that because Jesus paid it all, they need pay nothing, forgetting that the prime object of their salvation was that they should follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ in bringing back a lost world to God, and so aid in bringing the answer to the petition our Lord taught his disciples: Thy kingdom come. L. Moon, Shantung Province, China

MEMORIALS and HONORARIUMS

In Memory of Nadine Allen

By Doug and Debbie Frey Budget
Tommy and Betty Shaw Budget

In Memory of Riley Ornston

By DeWayne and Grace Kelly Budget
George and Laverne Smith Budget

In Memory of Wyatt Ramsey

By Jimmy and Leesa Sitter Budget

In Memory of Robbie Clingan

By A.T. (Mike) Clingan Budget

In Memory of Martha Holyfield

By Donald and Mary Post TWB

In Memory of R. C. Martin

By Doug and Debbie Frey Budget

In Memory of Frances Waddell

By DeWayne and Grace Kelly Budget

In Memory of Charles Folkes

By DeWayne and Grace Kelly Budget

THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Sunday, November 27

Daniel 1, 1 Peter 4

Monday, November 28

Daniel 2, 1 Peter 5

Tuesday, November 29

Daniel 3, 2 Peter 1

Wednesday, November 30

Daniel 4, 2 Peter 2

Thursday, December 1

Daniel 5 – 6, 2 Peter 3

Friday, December 2

Daniel 7 – 8, 1 John 1

Saturday, December 3

Daniel 9, 1 John 2

Sunday, December 4

Daniel 10 – 12, 1 John 3

Monday, December 5

Hosea 1 – 3, 1 John 4

Tuesday, December 6

Hosea 4 – 6, 1 John 5

Wednesday, December 7

Hosea 7 – 8, 2 John

Thursday, December 8

Hosea 9 – 10, 3 John

Thank you so much for your cards, phone calls and donations in memory of my sister, Pamela Thomas Gates. The thoughtfulness of our church family means more than we can say. We appreciate you all. In Christian Love, Bill and Darlene Thomas

A BIG Thanksgiving Thank You

to all who attended our annual EBC Dinner, November 20th. It all began with the preliminary set-up crew of Ronald and Darlene Causey, David and Cheryl Whitfield and Diane Denny. The Gilcrease family generously provided delicious turkey in abundance! And our program personalities were great; Bro. Harold, The Men's Quartet, Ron Massey at the piano and Burt Grubbs bringing our wonderful devotion. Our kitchen folks who so graciously met our dining needs included Bill and Darlene Thomas, Denise Palmer, Gene Taylor, Cheryl Procell, Denise Griffin, DeWayne Kelly, Ron and Diane Denny and David and Cheryl Whitfield. And a huge note of appreciation to our Security team of DeWayne Kelly and Ron Denny who provided a safe environment for our gathering of thanks and praise to the Lord.



Bro. Lane's sermon this Sunday Morning will be found in Jonah 1 - 4, "A Runaway Missionary."

Prime Time Choir will meet this Tuesday at 10:30AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Prime Time Luncheon Guests this month will be The Bell Choir from The Bloom in Bossier. They are delightful and you won't want to miss them. This Tuesday, December 6th at Noon in the FLC.

Christmas Choir Cantata "GO, TELL IT!" – presented by the Sanctuary and Prime Time Combined Choirs, Sunday, December 11th at 6:00PM in the Sanctuary.

Sign up for Family Night at Christmas, December 18th at 6:00PM. Please see Bro. Harold or sign up in the church office.

Come celebrate with Bob and Karen Johnston Saturday, December 17th from 2:00 – 4:00 in the Family Life Center. This will be a come and go celebration for the entire church family. The golden couple requests only gifts of Love and Prayers.

